

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and ENVIRONMENT**

**COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

**6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brantley; Co-chair, Martinez; Co-Chair, Curwen, Blunt, M. McCarthy

OTHER(s): Council members: Council President McCarthy

**128-11** Resolution to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to pursue a runway safety area at the end of the Airport's Runway 6/24.

John Ricci pointed out where the runway will be located. He stated he received approval from the Mayor to enter into a grant agreement for \$2.4 million. He explained that the grant is required to conduct the necessary design work and approve the permittee through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. He said there will be a 5% local equivalent to \$120k that will come from residual funds that was allocated for other projects and a bond may also be issued.

Co-chair Martinez asked the amount of the grant. Mr. Ricci reiterated that the grant is for \$2.4 million with a 5% local match of approximately \$125k; but the total project could run up to nearly \$2 million.

Tom Sherwood added that the total amount could be closer to \$3 million, noting that this is part of a \$26 million project. He stated that the funds were available and the project would be funded in phases.

Council President McCarthy stated that he served on the Airport Commission so he had a unique perspective about the project that dates back seventeen years when there was

a plane crash during 1994. Overall, he said that the City of Bridgeport feels that they need a larger and wider runway, although the Town of Stratford doesn't necessarily agree. He explained the potential risks that aircraft have landing that could occur due to the current condition of the runway; so it's important to address the problem due to the high risk of a plane crashing into the fence. He further noted that there were four (4) crashes in the past.

Mr. Ricci stated that they adding a safety area to the end of the runway that's currently there.

*The item was temporarily tabled for the purpose of obtaining additional information regarding the funding source – see below.*

**134-11** Grant Submission: re State Department of Social Services for 2007-2013 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Grant (SNAP).

Ms. McGoldrick stated the resolution was required to expedite the contract so that it could be submitted to the state as soon as possible. The grant is for a supplemental nutrition assistance program and training. The amount of the grant is \$155,491 that consists of an amendment to the contract and part of the full amount that is over \$1 million. The period of the grant is one year and there is no match required.

Council President McCarthy questioned why the item was before the committee at the last minute and what the urgency was. Ms. McGoldrick said they received the actual contract for the amendment in August and the item was time sensitive to meet the deadline for submittal to the state.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BLUNT SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Co-chair Brantley returned to item 128-11 Resolution to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to pursue a runway safety area at the end of the Airport's Runway 6/24.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE CONTINGENT  
UPON APPROVAL OF THE BONDING PACKAGE IN THE BUDGET &  
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Consent calendar**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT T. McCARTHY CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER M. McCARTHY SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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